

# FISCAL NOTE

## SB 385

February 10, 1997

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates a system of watercraft titling through the county clerks and the Department of Safety in the same manner that vehicles are titled. Watercraft licensing will remain with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. The cost of each title would be \$8, with \$4.50 going to the county and \$3.50 to the state. The bill provides that certain offenses relating to titling of watercraft shall constitute a Class E felony.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenue -     \$ 336,000 Recurring**  
  **\$1,040,000 One-Time**  
**Increase Local Revenue     \$ 297,000 Recurring**  
  **\$1,340,000 One-Time**  
**Increase State Expenditures \$ 167,000 Recurring**  
  **\$ 624,500 One-Time**  
  **\$ 4,400 for incarceration\***  
**Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$100,000**

<u>Expenditures Dept. of Safety</u>	<u>Recurring</u>	<u>One-Time</u>
Personnel (6 positions)	\$102,000	
Temporary Staff (First Year)		\$300,000
Office Supplies & Postage	49,000	98,000
Office Equipment	6,000	51,500
Automation	<u>10,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>
 Total Expenditures	 \$167,000	 \$624,500

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Recurring</u>	<u>One-Time</u>
State		
Current Registered Watercraft		\$1,040,000
New Registrations & Transfers	\$336,000	
Local		
Current Registered Watercraft		\$1,340,000
New Registrations & Transfers	\$297,000	

### Revenue Assumptions:

Approximately 297,800 licensed watercraft will be titled in the first year.  
Approximately 56,000 new and transfer titles will be purchased annually.  
Approximately 15,000 duplicate titles will be issued annually.  
Approximately 25,000 notes of liens will be processed annually.

Expenditures:

Six additional full time positions will be needed in the Department of Safety to process titling of new and transferred watercraft annually.

A personal services contract or temporary personnel will be needed in the Department of Safety to process the first years workload assuming that all currently licensed watercraft will be titled in the first year.

There is an estimated increase in local government expenditures to process watercraft title transactions, however, such increase is estimated to be less than revenues collected.

*\*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director